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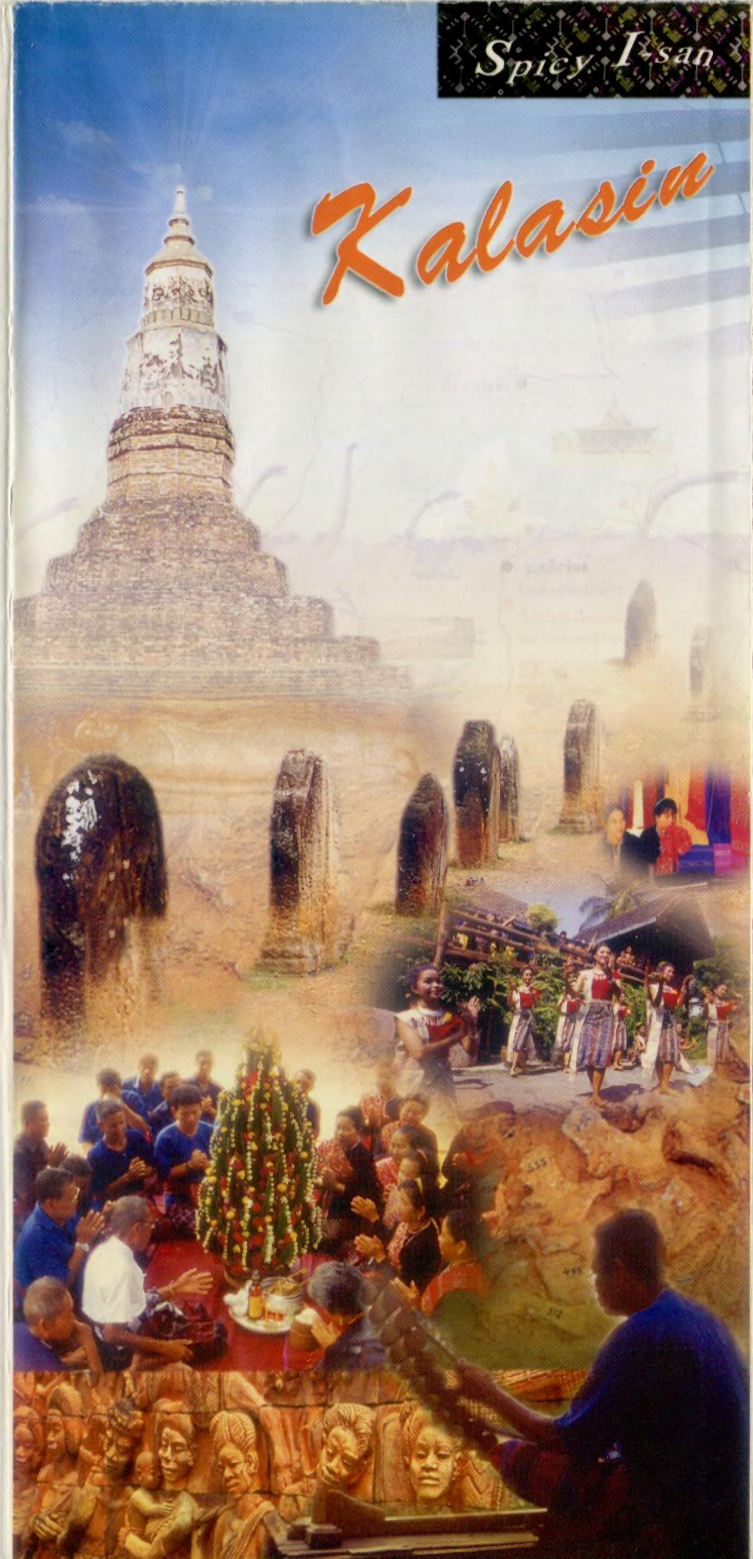
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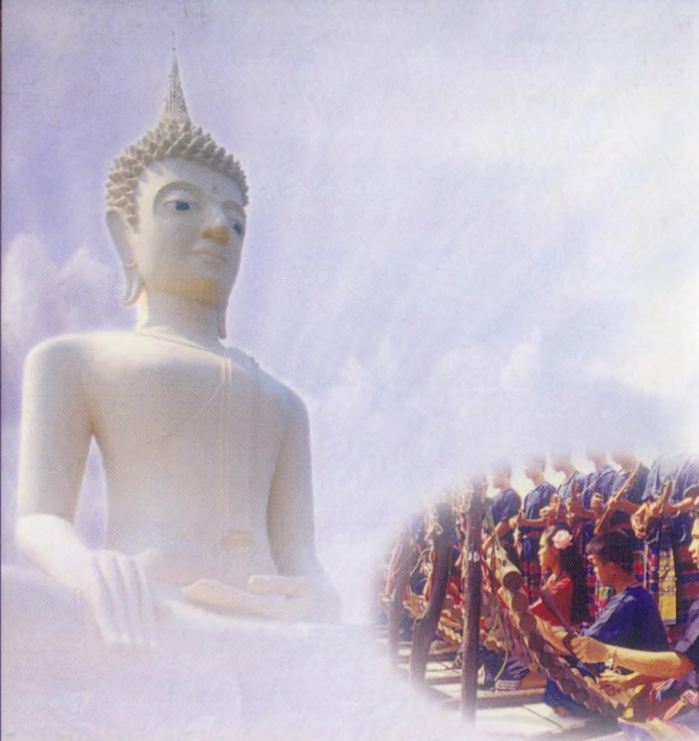
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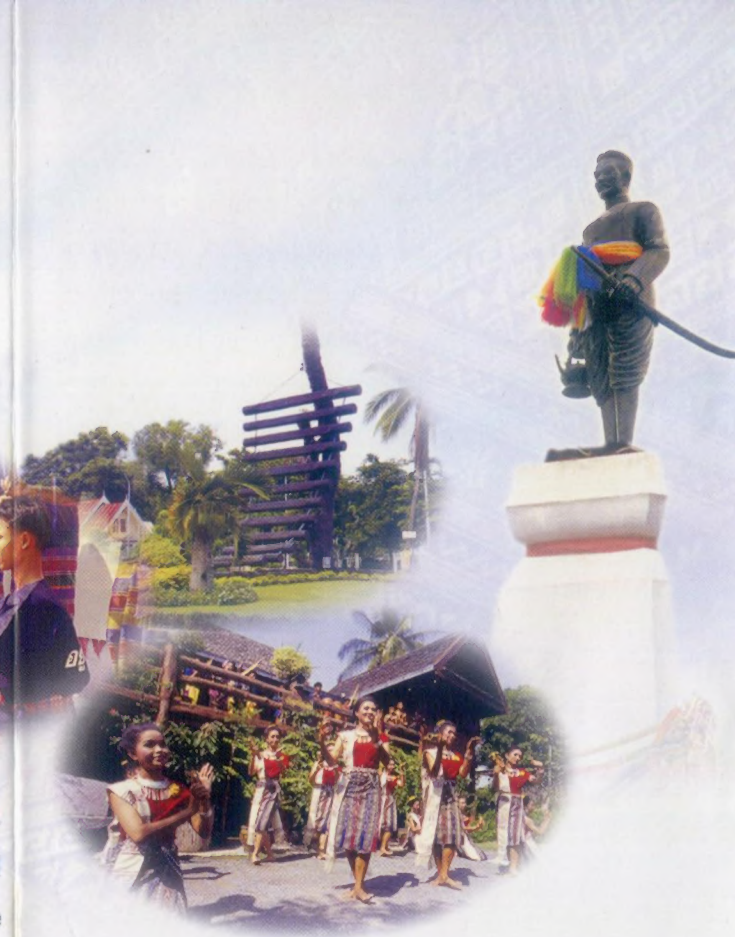






## Kalasin

Kalasin is among the productive lands in the northeast. Archeological studies prove that its lineage can be rooted down to a civilized lawa tribe over 1,600 years ago. In the year 1793, it was further influenced by the early Rattanakosin Age. A great leader by the name of Thao Somphamit together with his loyal followers escaped from the territory on the west bank of Mae Khong River and established "Kaeng Samrong Village" along Pao Riverside. Gifts were given to King Rama I for his loyalty and respect expression. The village later became a town and renamed by the king as "Kalasin as it is situated close to Nam Dam perennial stream which means Black Water". At the same time, the king honored the town with a lord called "Phraya Chaiyasunthorn" the pioneer governor of Kalasin city.



Kalasin is about 519 km away from Bangkok, composed of 14 districts and 4 mini-districts, covering the entire area of 6,946,746 sq.km. Its topography is mountainous areas in the north along Phu Phan Ridge and hilly lands with woods in between in the middle part. Its neighboring provinces are:

to the north, adjoins with Udon Thani and Sakon Nakhon Provinces.  
to the south, adjoins with Roi Et and Maha Sarakham Provinces.  
to the east, adjoins with Sakon Nakhon and Mukdahan Provinces.  
to the west, adjoins with Maha Sarakham, Khon Kaen and Udon Thani Provinces.

## Travel to Kalasin

**By cars** - It is 519 km from Bangkok to Kalasin on the route from Bangkok - Sara Buri - Nakhon Ratchasima (Highway no.2) - Ban Phai of Khon Kaen, then turn to the right along the highway no.23 and 213 to Maha Sarakham and Kalasin as the destination.

**By buses** - The Transport Co., Ltd. open its daily trips from Bangkok to Kalasin with normal buses and air-conditioned buses. For more inquiries, contact the Northeast Bus Terminal at tel. 0-2936-2841-48 or Saeng Prateep transport Co., Ltd. at tel. 0-2936-0321 and 0-2936-0371.

**By trains** - taking the train from Bangkok to Khon Kaen and continue with buses to Kalasin for another 78 km. For more information, contact the Transport Service Department of the Railway Authority of Thailand at tel. 0-2224-7788, and 0-2225-0300 Ext. 5204 or the Khon Kaen Railway Station at tel. 0-4322-1112.

**By airplanes** - Landing to Khon Kaen and Roi Et and forward to Kalasin. For Thai Airways International flights, destined at Bangkok, contact tel. 0-2280-0070-80 and 0-2280-0060. Khon Kaen Airport tel. 0-4322-7701-5. For Bangkok - Roi Et flights of PB Air, contact its head office in Bangkok at tel. 0-2261-0221-5 and its branch in Roi Et at tel. 0-4351-8572, then forward to Kalasin by cars for another 47 km.

Service tricycles, service 3-wheeled motorbikes (called sky labs) and buses are available for transportation in Kalasin downtown. Bus lines to neighboring provinces are available accordingly.



## Tourist Spots in Muang Kalasin District

### The statue of Phraya Chaiyasunthon (Thao Somphamit)

The statue is situated in front of Kalasin Post Office. It is the full sized statue made of bronze in standing post, its right hand holding a kettle and its left hand holding a sword of righteousness.

### Wat Klang (Temple under H.M. the King's patronage)

Wat Klang is the place of the Black Buddha image made of bronze. It is always in black even though it was well polished but sooner turned in black again. During the dry season, a solemn parade is held to request for the coming of the rainy season. In the temple, there is a model of this Buddha image made of laterite, 0.5 meter wide at the base and 2 meters high.

### Wat Sri Bunruang (Wat Nua)

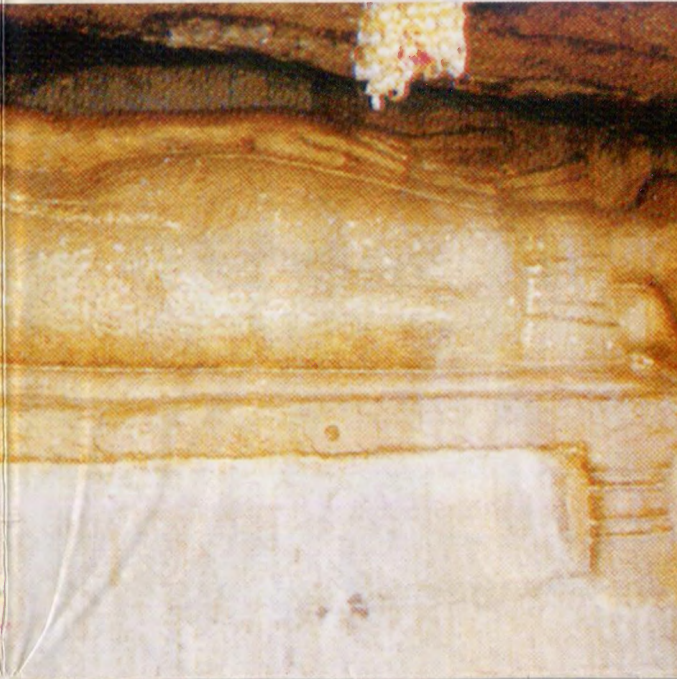
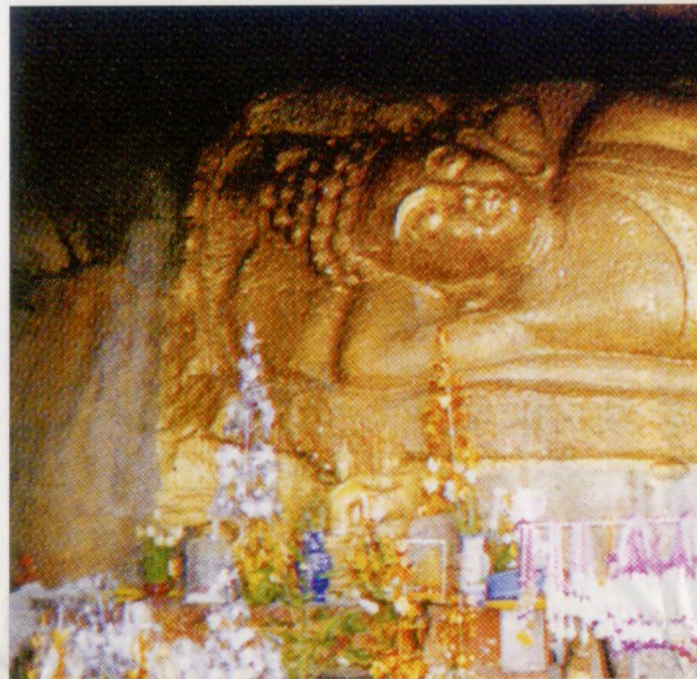
It is an old temple in Kalasin Municipal area. There are a number of Sema leaves from Muang Fa Daet Sung Yang restored there. The most beautiful one is the stonework of a flying angle over the castle.

### Phu Po Buddhistic Significance

It is situated at Phu Po Subdistrict, Muang Kalasin District, 28 km up north from the city. It is also the site of an ancient declining Buddha image of Dvaravati Era and two pieces of stonework on cliff, one at the foot of stairways and another at the top of Phu Po Mountain. Citizen will jointly celebrate this declining Buddha in April every year.

### Kalasin Museum of Good Things

It is situated in the former city hall, established for compilation of all good things of Kalasin. Open daily from Mondays - Fridays, 08:30 a.m. - 04:30 p.m.



Lam Pao Wild Life Park (Sa-on Park)

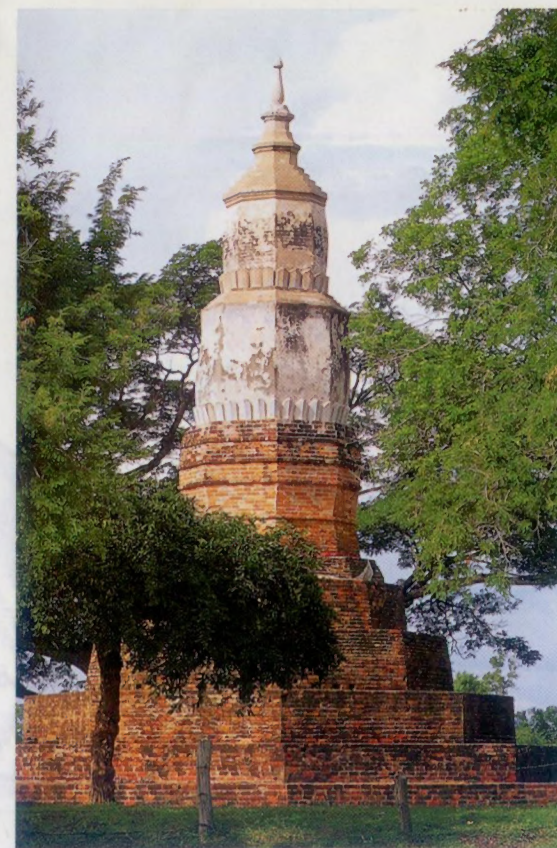
Phu Phra Forest Park





### Wat Pho Chai Semaram (Wat Ban Kom)

It is situated at Sema Village in the area of Muang Fa Daet Sung Yang. It is a old temple which the villagers gathered a lot of stone sema leaves. The sema leaves found are very prominent as they were carved with Lord Buddha's history and his novel teachings. This is known to be the northeastern identity.



### Phrathat Yakhu

It was formerly called "the big relic" situated in the area of Muang Fa Daet Sung Yang, in the paddy field of Sema Village, about 600 meters away from Wat Pho Chai Semaram (Wat Ban Kom). It is a stupa of Dvaravati Era, made of bricks (by the 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> centuries). It was believed that it was the pagoda for filling relics of high-ranked monks that the people respected to. In May of every year, the villagers perform the flare (Boon Bung Fai) festival for asking for rains and happiness to their village.

### Tourist Spots in Kamalasai District

#### Muang Fa Daet Sung Yang

It is situated at Sema Village in Nong Paen Subdistrict, 19 km away from the city. It is an old town built in the years 757 - 1057. The town planning was in Dvaravati ellipse and found a lot of perfect sandstone Sema Leaves that were registered to the Fine Arts department for 130 pieces. It is the place where the greatest number of Sema Leaves ever discovered in Thailand. Buddha Earthwork in Kupta Style were also found there. Recently, an earthen tobacco pipe in Dmaravati Style was found, its mouthpiece was curled like dragon body. The same type of tobacco pipe, but made of bronze, was also found. This is the proof that the Metal age of Suwannaphum was pioneered everywhere in the world.



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### Tourist Spot in Somdet District

#### Pha Sawoei

The cliff is on Phu Phan ridge in the area of Kaeng Ka-am Village, Pha Sawoei. It is 58 km away from Kalasin City. The



villagers formerly called it "Pha Rang Raeng" (the cliff of vulture nests) but in 1954, when the king and the queen of Thailand passed by and stopped to have their lunch-on, the cliff was henceforth renamed as "Pha Sawoei" (on eating place by the cliff). The highly steep cliff makes a deep chasm with beautiful scenery. It is the stop-over point for sightseeing of Phu Phan Ridge.

### Tourist Spots in Yang Talat and Tha Khantho District

#### Lam Pao Dam

The dam is about 36 km from Kalasin City in the area of Yang Talat District. It is an earth dam obstructing the Lam Pao Stream and the Huai Yang Stream at Nong Songhong Village, Lam Pao Subdistrict, Muang Kalasin District. It was especially built for flood relief and agricultural propose as well as fishery. There is a recreation spot nearby i.e. Dok Ket Beach which is the beach paradise of Kalasin people.



#### Lam Pao Wild Life Park (Sa-on Park)

It is the natural park located in the east of the reservoir in Lam Pao Dam, covering the area of 1,420 rai. The topography is of relatively fertile shorea forest or red forest.

There is an open zoo where wild lives habitate such as the rare animals called the red bull which are the rare animals. Other animals are gibbons, monkeys, domestic and seasonal birds. Sa-on Park is opened daily, there are guesthouses, camping areas, campfires, toilets and bathrooms provided for staying overnight and seminar. Request for the use of premises to the Natural Resources Conservation Director, Department of Forestry, tel. 0-2516-4292-3 Ext. 708.



#### Phu Phra Forest Park

The park is situated in Tha Khantho District. It is composed of stone garden of queer appearance in between the shorea forest, covering the area of 65,900 rai.

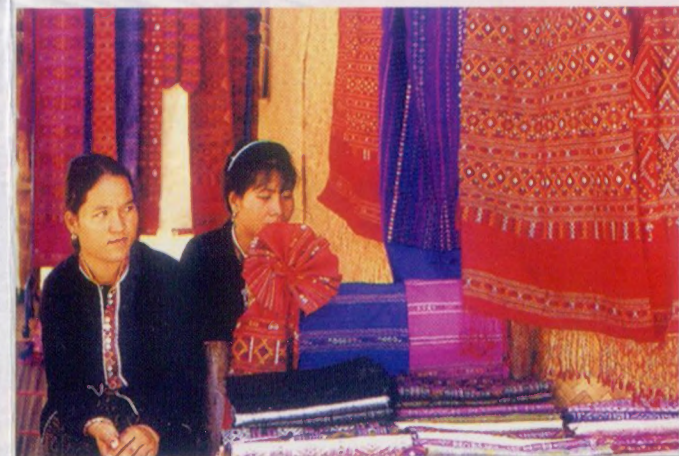
### Tourist Spots in Kam Muong District

#### Prae Wah Fabric Weaving Group of Ban Phon

Ban Phon is one of Kham Muong District, it is 15 km away from the district office. H.M. the Queen kindly has accepted the prae wah weaving group into her occupational artwork project and promoted to use prae wah silk for decoration of handbags and developed its styles and colors in compliance with lady and gentleman dresses. They are now enormously well known everywhere in the country and abroad.

#### Wijit Prae Wah Center

It is the demonstration center of prae wah weaving and selling. The members of Ban Phon weaving group, the Phuthai tribe descenders, have various attractive prae wah silk in beautiful and colorful designs for sales. It is a rare textile handicraft in Thailand.





## Thurist Spots in Sahassakhan District

### Phu Khoom Khao Dinosaur Fossil Discovery Site

It is at the foot of Phu Khoom Khao Mount in the area of Pa Sakkawan Temple. The discovery of lots of dinosaur fossils, 130 million years of age. Those are over 700 pieces of bone of 7 vegetarian dinosaurs. It is said that Phu Khoom Khao is the large source of most perfect dinosaur fossils ever had in Thailand. The Department of Mineral Resources Constructed a building covering the pits and the exhibition is opened daily to travelers for seeing the fossils and the stories of dinosaur. For more information, contact the Phu Khoom Khao Dinosaur Research Station, Department of Mineral Resources, Sahassakhan at tel 0-4387-1014.

### The Bandarn Rithipon Buddhist Image (Luang Po Ban Dan)

It is the Buddha image in Marnwichai post of Dvaravati Era, situated in Pa Sakkawan Temple. The villagers worship it as a sacred thing of the city.

### The Buddha Nimit Temple (Phu Khao Temple)

The declining Buddha of Phu Khao is located at Buddha Nimit Temple at Na Srinuan village, it is about 7 km away from the district office. This Buddha image is in left declining post, without head cover, 2 m long. In the temple there is the Sangka Nimit Shrine where lots of rare Buddha images and little Buddha images are shown in the beautiful wood carved shrine.

### The Shrine of Buddha Nimit Temple (Phu Khao)

It is a beautiful wood carved shrine where "Phra Mangala Chaiyasit Rojanarit Prasitporn" is situated. The whole shrine is of open type decorated with beautiful Thai art carving.

### Phu Sing

It is the site of a Buddha image in Marnwichai post named "Phra Phrome Phumipalo". It has a dignified aspect, situated on the mountaintop of Phu Sing in the area of Nonburi Subdistrict Municipality. It is a place of recreation and sightseeing as well.

### Wat Tard Maenai Thepninit

It is the temple endowed with an alluring scenery situated at village no.5 of Nonburi Subdistrict. It is located at the hillside where it offers a natural shade of granduer.

### Laem Nonwiset

It is the land extending into the reservoir of Lam Pao Dam, situated in the area of Nonburi Subdistrict, about 6 km away from the district office. It is the sunset sightseeing spot as well. There are motor rafts used as transport for crossing from Sahassakhan to Nong Kung Si District.

### The House of Prae Wah Silk

It is the center for selling of Prae Wah Silk, handicrafts and local souvenirs made from Lam Pao self-help settlement that is located 4 km before reaching Sahassakhan district. It is opened daily for seeing and buying souvenirs. For more information, contact tel. 0-4387-1287 or 0-1873-5829.



## Tourist Spots in Kuchinarai District

### Bamboo Wickerwork handicraft Group of Nong Hang Village

The skillful villagers in bamboo wickerwork of Khid design have lots of fine, neat and beautiful products e.g., made-to-order sticky rice cans, bags and vessels. Nong Hang Village is situated about 10 km away from Kuchinarai District. For more information, contact Nong Hang Subdistrict Administration Organization at tel. 0-4358-1915.



### Phuthai Khok Kong Culture Village

Phuthai is a tribe that escaped from southern China and relocated in the northeast of Thailand. In Kalasin there are Phuthai people live in many districts. They have a similar aspect in strong conservation of olden art, culture and tradition.

Phuthai Khok Kong culture village is in the area of Kudwa subdistrict. It was selected from the province for a pilot project on cultural conservative tourism. The village is opened to travelers who are interested in learning of their culture, tradition and their life style can stay with them in order to touch their way of living. The village won the best industrial tourism award in urban and community in the third tourist industry contest in 2000 from the Tourism Organization of Thailand. For more information, contact the Khok Kong village headman at tel. 0-4385-2003 or leave message at tel. 0-4385-1225, 0-1574-9241.



### Phu Pha Wua Sanctuary Park

The park covers the area of 4,000 rai, it is adjacent to the Phuthai Khok Kong village. In the north there are ways for forest excursion, nature studies, sightseeing of local plants, herbs, the cliff of swallows, Dan Long, Tad Soong Waterfall, Tad Yaow Waterfall, Nangkoy Cliff, Kanyoo Cliff, Namtao Proong, Kai Kaew Cliff etc.

### Phu Sithan Sanctuary Park

It is about 15 km away from the district. There are ways for the excursion of nature, herbs. At Phu Pha Phueng there is a queer stone yard, old time painting, beautiful natural scenery and a rare natural stone bridge.

### Sim Nako Temple

It is an olden temple having classical Phuthai local products inside, situated 12 km away from the district office. Exhibition of Phuthai things and appliances opened daily.

## Tourist Spots in Khao Wong District

### Nangkoy Waterfall

It is a beautiful, huge and stepped waterfall that gathers waters from Phu Phan Ridge. It will be most attractive and full flowing during rainy season.

### Tad Thong Waterfall

The waterfall is in the area of Khao Wong District on the route Khao Wong - Dong Luang - Mukdaharn. With the complex of hummock stone it will be better looking in rainy season, especially in the month of October. One can reach there by cars.

## Tourist Spots in Na-khoo Mini-district

### Dinosaur Footprints in Phu Faek Sanctuary Park

On November 16, 1996, two schoolgirls had their meal during holidays at Phu Faek Sanctuary Park and found strange footprints on the stone yard of Ngao-doo stream at the foot of Phu Faek Mountain in the area of Phu Phan Ridge at Namkam Village of Phu Lanchang Subdistrict. They later informed an expert of the Department of Mineral Resources and it was proven that they are the dinosaur footprints are clear. The dinosaurs of this phylum are carnivorous or the carnosaur group of about 140 million years of age.



## Festivals

### Ponglang, Prae Wah and Red Cross Festival

The festival will be held yearly during 6<sup>th</sup> February - 6<sup>th</sup> March in front of the city hall. The activities on the opening day shall start with parade of all districts slogans and followed with Ponglang Musical contest, the earthen jar lady contest, Prae Wah Daughter contest and local product booths from all districts.

### Exquisite Prae Wah Festival, Queen of Thai Silk

The fair will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> August of every year at Rim Pao Hotel in order to celebrate Queen Sirikit's birthday since she is the supporter of Phuthai people's Prae Wah Silk weaving and makes it well-known.

## Available Accommodations

(Distant code 043)

In Muang Kalasin District:

**Rim Pao Hotel:** Kutyangsamakki Road Tel. 813631-9 Fax 813630, Total 140 air-conditioned rooms, 1,400-4,500 baht/day

**Supak Hotel :** 81/7 Sanaehar Road Tel. 811051, 811315 Fax 811196, Total 52 rooms, 180-600 baht/day

**Phaiboon Hotel :** 125/5-6 Somphamit Road Tel. 811661, 813347 Fax 813346, Total 48 rooms, 200-420 baht/day

**Saeng Thong Hotel :** 100-120 Pirom Road, Tel. 811555, Total 30 rooms, 120-450 baht/day

**Kraithong Bungalow :** 125/7 Somphamit Road Tel. 813348 Total 16 rooms, 200-360 baht/day

**Sabuy Sabuy Bungalow :** 118 Kalasin-Sahassakhan Road Tel. 812617, Total 25 rooms, 280-480 baht/day

In Somdet District:

**Somdet Hotel :** 158/2 Somdet Subdistrict, Somdet District, Tel. 861150, Total 31 air-conditioned rooms, 160-350 baht/day

In Kuchinarai District

**Saeng Chai Hotel :** 121 Bua-kao Road, Kuchinarai District, Tel. 851222, Total 6 air-conditioned and fanned rooms, 100-300 baht/day

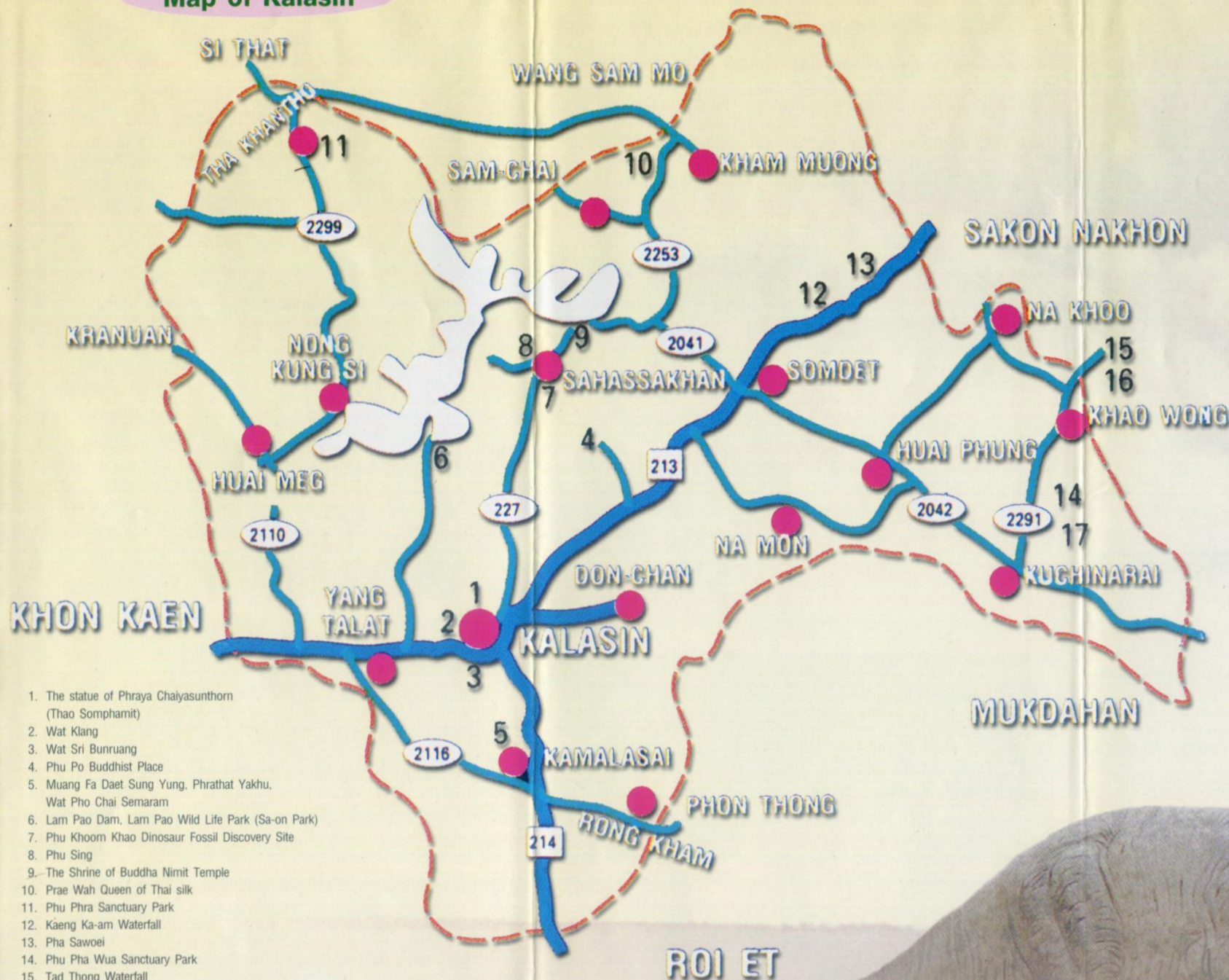
**PP Bungalow :** 103 Moo. 10 Bua-kao Road, Kuchinarai District, Tel. 832443, 832424, Total 15 rooms, 350 baht/day



## Map of Kalasin

## Important Telephones

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1. The statue of Phraya Chaiyasunthorn (Thao Somphamit)
2. Wat Klang
3. Wat Sri Bunruang
4. Phu Po Buddhist Place
5. Muang Fa Daet Sung Yung, Phrathat Yakh, Wat Pho Chai Semaram
6. Lam Pao Dam, Lam Pao Wild Life Park (Sa-on Park)
7. Phu Khoom Khao Dinosaur Fossil Discovery Site
8. Phu Sing
9. The Shrine of Buddha Nimit Temple
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13. Pha Sawoei
14. Phu Pha Wua Sanctuary Park
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16. Nangkoy Waterfall
17. Phuthai Khok Kong Culture Village

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